

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-30, 61-130, 145-146, and 151-154. Applicant has amended Claims 31, 44-46, 59-60, 132, 143, 155, 170-171, and 184-185. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration in deeming Claims 45 and 60 allowable and allowing Claims 131-144 and 155-184. Claims 31-60, 131-144, 147-150, and 155-185 are pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

Claims 31, 32, 34, 44, 46, 47, 49, 59, 147, 149 and 185 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Adams (5,792,187). Claims 33, 35-43, 48, 50-58, 148, and 150 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams. Applicants have amended Claims 31, 46, 60, and 185 to delete the preamble's statement of intended use and to clarify that the vagus nerve is stimulated "to achieve controlled asystole." Adams does not disclose, teach, or suggest stimulating the vagus nerve to achieve controlled asystole, as the Examiner has apparently recognized in deeming Claims 45 and 60. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 31-60, 131-144, 147-150 and 155-185 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 31-60, 131-144, 147-150 and 155-185 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of Claims 31-60, 131-144, 147-150 and 155-185.

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